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DEPT PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY FOR DAY.

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PFOR, LE

SUBJECT: KARAME'S RESIGNATION

REF STATE 13261

1. WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE REPORTS THAT KARAME HAS NOT TENDERED HIS RESIGNATION IN WRITING AND IS IN FACT BARGAINING WITH FRANGIE TO REMAIN AS PRIME MINISTER. AT SAME TIME WE ARE RECEIVING REPORTS THAT FRANGIE-ASAD ACCORD MAY BE NEAR.

2. IN TRICKY LOCAL SITUATION I DID NOT WISH TO MAKE A BIG POINT OF APPROACHING PRIMIN. HOWEVER, OCCASION AROSE IN CONNECTION WITH DELIVERING MESSAGE FROM USUN ONNEMBASSADOR GHORRA'S DESIRE TO BE IN CONTACT

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WITH HIS GOVT (SEPTTEL NOTAL) FOR ME TO TALK DIRECTLY

ON THE TELEPHONE WITH PRESIDENT FRANGIE THIS MORNING
JAN 20. I SIMPLY INFORMED HIM THAT I AM CHARGE IN
AMBASSADOR'S ABSENCE, EXPRESSED HOPE TO CALL ON HIM SOME
TIME IN FUTURE, GAVE HIM MY PERSONAL BEST WISHES, AND
PASSED MESSAGE THAT AMBASSADOR GHORRA WOULD LIKE TO TELEPHONE
CALL FROM HIM OR SOMEONE ELSE IN THE PRESIDENCE. FRANGIE
WAS VERY PLEASANT (SEVERAL AHLAN WA SAHLAN'S) AND TOOK
GHORRA'S TELEPHONE NUMBER IN NEW YORK. BECAUSE OF THIS
CONTACT, I LATER FELT I COULD CALL KARAME
ALSO, TELLING HIM I WAS ACTING AS CHARGE,(
AND GIVING HIM
BEST WISHES ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY GOVT FOR
SUCCESS IN THE DIFFICULT TASK WHICH HE WAS ENGAGED ON.
I MENTIONED MY EARLIER CALL TO FRANGIE IN GENERAL TERMS.
KARAME GRASPED THE POINT AND EFFUSIVELY EXPRESSED GRATITUDE
FOR THE WISHES OF THE USG THUS CONVEYED TO HIM. WE LEFT
IT THAT I WOULD SEEK AN EARLY OPRTUNITY TO CALL ON HIM IN
PERSON.

3. THROUGH KARAME'S FRIEND MOHSEN SLIM, ECON COUNSELOR
WILL BE PASSING LATER TODAY PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED
FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ON KARAME'S RESIGNATION
(STATE 13393). I THINK WE HAVE THUS MADE OUR POINT
WITH KARAME WITHOUT RISKING IRRITATION TO OTHERS.
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